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The Soviet Union expends more resources on international broadcasting than any other nation. The CIA estimates that the Soviets spend \$700 million a year on the operating budget of Radio Moscow, which broadcasts 2,000 hours weekly in 82 languages over 285 high-powered transmitters. Radio Moscow does not temper its broadcasts; explosive statements and extreme distortions of the truth form the basis of its programming. These probably played a major part in the sacking of the American Embassy in Pakistan by an angry mob; earlier broadcasts had implied American involvement in the takeover of the Great Mosque in Mecca.

The Soviets also operate a "semi-official" station, Radio Peace and Progress—that broadcasts more stridently than Radio Moscow—and several "covert" or "liberation" radios such as the Voice of Free Turkey and the well-known National Voice of Iran, which broadcasted inflammatory and radically anti-American material during the hostage crisis in Iran and continues to do so. . . .

An additional sum, estimated some years ago at \$300 million, is spent annually by the Soviets to jam incoming Western broadcasts. The Soviets have complained publicly and repeatedly that broadcasts by VOA and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty constitute interference in the internal affairs of the Soviet Union. . . .

While Hungary and Romania have not jammed Western broadcasts since the early '60s, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and occasionally Poland continue to jam RFE/RL and VOA in intermittently.